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Dear Ms. Farkus:

This letter is in final response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 11, 2019, assigned #HQ-REF-19-00011, for:

Materials from 2016 onward related to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune and its subsequent health effects on those currently or formerly stationed at Camp Lejeune. Potential documents include but are not limited to correspondences containing the keywords "illness," "water contamination," and "disability benefits," reports concerning levels of current water contamination at Camp Lejeune, and brochures/pamphlets/booklets given to those impacted by Camp Lejeune's water contamination.

Your request was referred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) by HHS for our direct response to you because the subject of your request pertains to CDC records. Your request has been assigned #HQ-REF-19-00011.

On April 18, 2019, you narrowed the scope of your request to:

...I am now only asking for emails from 2016 onward related to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune and its subsequent health effects on those currently or formerly stationed at Camp Lejeune. Please conduct this search using the keywords "Camp Lejeune," "Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune," "Janey Ensminger Act," and "Ensminger Act" in the inboxes of ATSDR Public Health Advisor Carl Blair and Health Scientist Leann Bing, as well as HHS Secretary Alex M. Azar II, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (ASPA) Judy Stecker, Director, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Roger Severino.

The portion of your request referring to HHS employees was referred to HHS for their action. Should you have questions about the status of that portion of your request, you may contact:

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Freedom of Information Officer Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 729H 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20201

Email: FOIARequest@hhs.gov

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We located 209 pages of responsive records. After a careful review of these pages, no information was withheld from release.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of the records provided please contact either our FOIA Requester Service Center at 770-488-6399 or our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277.

Sincerely,

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